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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk / Executive Director Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of New Cost Recovery Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs Docket No. 2013-298-E

Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of New Cost Recovery Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs Docket No. 2015-163-E

Request for Commission Action on BYOT Program Modifications

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am filing this letter on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (together, the "Companies") seeking Commission consideration of the Companies' proposed modifications to their Bring Your Own Thermostat ("BYOT") programs at its meeting to be held on December 9, 2020. The BYOT filings were made on October 2, 2020 and sought expedited consideration due to the inclusion of an enhanced incentive for customers enrolling in the BYOT programs on or before December 31, 2020. As explained in the filings, the enhanced incentive would also serve to provide financial assistance to residential customers who may be struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic and could serve as a means to help customers that are behind on their electric bills.

The S.C. Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a letter on November 13, 2020 stating that it had reviewed the filings and that ORS "does not object to the Company's modifications to the BYOT Program or the request for expedited approval."

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Kind regards,

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